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27	BRS	L27	0	((dynamic or static) same information same policy).ab. and (arrang\$ same node\$ same connect\$)	USPAT	2004/07/12 16:51	
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32	BRS	L32	4	((dynamic or static) same information same policy).ab. and (arrang\$ same node\$) and distribut\$ or deploy\$	USPAT	2004/07/12 17:03	reviewed abstract and drawings
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36	BRS	L36	236	709/224,225,219,239.cls. and (information same policy)	USPA T	2004/07/12 17:07	
37	BRS	L37	208	136 and (distribut\$ or deploy\$)	USPA T	2004/07/12 17:06	
38	BRS	L38	7	709/224,225,219,239.cls. and (information same policy and dynamic).ab.	USPA T	2004/07/12 17:08	reviewed abstract and drawings

discrimination is advantageously performed if a location having a large entropy decrease is present in the center. Therefore, weighting is so performed for equation (4), e.g., an entropy decrease at the position of a specific base sequence is integrated to equation (4). This allows more accurate evaluation of prove candidate quality.”

Therefore, the above amendments are considered NEW MATTER.

Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 2nd Paragraph

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 7 and 46-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

VAGUE AND INDEFINITE

Claim 7 recites the limitation “the evaluation step comprises introducing an evaluation function which gives a larger weight to a change in the entropy at the center of a partial base sequence corresponding to the desired node” which is confusing. The evaluation step of claim 1 (amended and from which claims 6 & 7 depend) recites:

“an evaluation step of evaluating the extracted partial base sequence based on a predetermined evaluation criteria and obtaining an evaluation result thereof”

Claim 6 (from which claim 7 depends) provides:

“the evaluation step comprises calculating entropy of each node present on the path on the basis of the number of times of appearance, in the target, of a partial base sequence corresponding to the node, and performing evaluation on the basis of a decrease of the calculated entropy”

However, the language “introducing an evaluation function which gives a larger weight” implies other functions for giving smaller weight or for subtracting weight; such functions are absent.

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Additionally, the language “larger weight” implies a range of values/criteria that defines said larger weight as compared to a smaller weight, no weight, and/or subtracting weight. Further, no desired node is identified in any of the previous claims such that one may give “a larger weight to a change in the entropy...corresponding to the desired node”. Clarification of the metes and bounds, via clearer claim language, is requested.

Claims 46-48 recite the limitations “apparatus for realizing”/“allowing a computer to realize” which is vague and indefinite. Applicant submits “claims 46-48 have been amended for consistency with claim 1, from which they depend”. However, the language “realizing”/“realize” remains unclear, wherein the manner in which the apparatus realizes and the manner in which a program allows a computer to realize the probe is not further defined or provided for. If it is Applicant’s intent that such “realization” is conducted by some executable code; the claims are not representative of such intent. Clarification of the metes and bounds, via clearer claim language, is requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The references cited in the ‘Information Disclosure Statement’ submitted 20 April 2004 appear to be duplicate references cited in the ‘Information Disclosure Statement’ submitted 22 March 2004, and have been lined through respectively.

No Claims Are Allowed.

ACTION IS FINAL AS NECESSITATED BY AMENDMENT

Applicant’s amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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